The RecTech Monthly

For RecTech, '11 = 10!

The RecTech Coalition was founded in 2001 to provide quality technology-based education programs in Seattle's Community Technology Centers. This year, 2011, RecTech turns ten, and we'll be celebrating all year long as we recognize our past accomplishments and build our future. The party starts in January with a staff and volunteer recognition event. Also in the works for first quarter: the first RecTech Coalition meeting of 2011, the unveiling of our new and improved RecTech business plan, and the launch of RecTech's website. New programs, new Community Technology Centers, and fun events will continue throughout the year. We hope you will join us in celebrating this exciting year!

RecTech Reach
Real people, real change. Made possible by RecTech.

This month's *RecTech Reach* story comes from RecTech South Park. Many of the participants in the *Computer Basics for Seniors* class speak very little English, so site lead Lovely Domingo enlisted the help of Grace Harrison, RecTech's volunteer coordinator and resident Spanish interpreter, to help out during the class. Grace shared this story…

In a recent *Computer Basics for Seniors* class, participants learned to navigate the internet. Two class participants had emigrated from South America and wanted to become US citizens but they had not been able to find citizenship information in Spanish. With their newfound internet knowledge, these women were able to find and print the information they needed and increase their self sufficiency. Later, one of the women approached Lovely with tears in her eyes and expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the skills that allowed her to access resources that had seemed unattainable.

December Stats

RecTech labs have had yet another busy month, especially during open lab. As of December 24th, program participants and lab users logged **1,796 visits** to RecTech Community Technology Centers. Site leads reported a 5% increase in adult visits and an 11% increase in youth and teen visits!

RecTech volunteers were busy this month as well, contributing **99.5 hours** at five of our RecTech sites across the city.

Thanks Volunteers!

RecTech Program Overview: Winter 2011

RecTech Community Technology Centers will be busy throughout the winter months. In addition to basic computing courses, below is a sampling of winter programs across the city…

Garfield **Teens:** This Just In (modern journalism); Mixin' Music; Social Media Responsibility **Adults:** Selling Arts and Crafts Online with Etsy; Beginning Photoshop; Digital Photography for Seniors

Garfield Teen Life Center: Junior Achievement "Enterpri$e"; Writing Workshops; Fitness Tracking (part of the NFL Play60 initiative)

Miller **Teens:** Music Making with Mixcraft; Digital Photography; Graphic Design; Digital Animation **Adults:** Digital Photography Tools Online; Planning a Trip Online

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Delridge **Teens:** Create Awesome Posters with Photoshop; T-Shirt Design ; Fun with Self-Portraits; Interview U **Adults:** Resumé and Job Search Help; Digital Photo Restoration; Build your own Website or Blog

Southwest: **New RecTech Site! Programs TBA**

South Park **Teens:** Blogging for Teens; T-shirt Design; Create your own Valentine's Day Cards; Hip Hop Music Production with Piece Kelley **Adults:** Typing 101; Facebook for Adults; Source Training for Families

Rainier **Teens:** Hip-Hop Music Production with Piece Kelley; T-Shirt Design; Blogging 101 **Adults:** Photoshop Elements; EITC Tax Preparation (in collaboration with United Way of King County)

Rainier Beach: **New RecTech Site! Programs TBA**

RecTech on the Web!

Check out RecTech's facebook page for pictures, video, announcements, and more! Newly uploaded: this video of Hip-Hop Music Production participants at Rainier Community Technology Center, submitted by Rainier site lead Jaycee. (link) Read updates, "like" our page, and post comments at our facebook page here: (link)

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Building Healthy Technology Communities

Have something you would like included in next month's newsletter? Questions, comments, or suggestions? Keep in touch! We'd love to hear from you.

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